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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BREITENBUCHER ET AL.

Examiner

Richard L. Raymond

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-45 and 48-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 48-50 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The response of May 28, 2004 canceled claims 8, 46 and 47. Accordingly, the claims now pending are claims 1-7, 9-45 and 48-50.
2. In view of applicants' amendment, the improper Markush rejection of record has been overcome. In view of applicants' arguments, the prior art rejection of record has been modified as below.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 43-45, drawn to methods of use, are newly provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of copending Application No. 09/947,041 and claims 1-3,

6 and 8-12 of copending Application No. 10/075,673. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the methods of treating allergic conditions and asthma of these applications anticipate the present methods since they are species thereunder. See canceled claims 46 and 47 which are dependent on claim 45 and note that the treatment of conditions of claims 43 and 44 encompass the diseases of the applications. See pages 1, 2 and 38 of the present specification.

5. This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 / 35 USC § 103

6. Claims 1-7 and 9-42, drawn to products, are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a and b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the Andronati et al. Chemical Abstracts reference of record (and corresponding to the Andronati et al. 1999 article of record) or the British patent of record. Applicants' arguments have been considered and all but the above prior art has been withdrawn. The Andronati et al. reference discloses compounds under the present claims where the XYZ ring is phenyl, W is a bond, G is (CH₂)₄, Ar is phenyl or Cl substituted phenyl and R⁵ and R⁶ form a phenyl ring which is substituted by Me, Cl or Br. The British patent discloses (in Example 16) the present compound where the XYZ ring is phenyl, W is a bond, G is (CH₂)₃, Ar is phenyl and R⁵ and R⁶ form a phenyl ring

which is substituted by Me. Where not anticipated, one would be motivated to prepare the present compounds from within the generic teachings of the references and/or to prepare the present simple alkyl homologs, halo analogs and position isomers of the specific compounds of the references with the reasonable expectation of obtaining additional compounds for the uses in the references. In the absence of a showing of unexpected properties, no patentable significance is seen in the present selection.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 48-50, drawn to method of use, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, or upon allowance of a claim generic thereto.

Conclusion

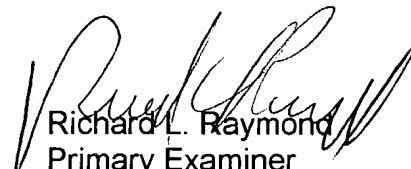
8. This action is **not** made final in view of the new obviousness-type double patenting rejection above

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Raymond whose telephone number is (571) 272-0673. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571) 272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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